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In the Matter of Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM (LPFM) Broadcast  
Service FCC RM-9242 Comments of Catherine Tracey.

I am writing to you to support Petition RM-9242 to allow and create licensing for non-corporate, low-watt radio stations. Small communities across this country need these micro-stations to give a voice and power back to Americans. (Although, since these radio stations usually don't cross state lines, I'm not sure why the federal government has to be involved.) However, since it is the FCC's function to license radio stations, then they should allow and license low-watt radio stations.

These stations serve local interests in a manner that the larger, ratings/profits-driven stations cannot. These small community stations are vital to the exchange of views and information within communities across our nation.

Please, it is time for the FCC to move into the 20th century before the 21st gets here. We have the technology, so let us use it and license low-power FM stations. Free speech is still *very* important to this American.

Thank you,



Catherine Tracey

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